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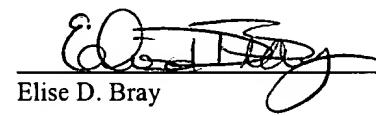
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), Applicant submits herewith documents to be considered in connection with the examination of this application. These documents were accumulated by Applicant in connection with a lawsuit in which Applicant is involved, namely, Unitherm Food Systems, Inc. vs. Swift-Eckrich, Inc., in the Western District of Oklahoma, under Case No. CIV-01-347-C. The case concerns, in part, U.S. Patent No. 5,952,027, which was cited as prior art against the present application, and concerns methods for browning meat.

The documents include an Expert Report prepared on behalf of Unitherm Food Systems that makes reference to the present application at pages 21 to 24. Also included are the documents cited in an Expert Report, which are listed on pages 4 to 6 of that report. The documents further include the deposition transcripts of Michael Briggs and Paul Corrigan, as well as other miscellaneous documents from the litigation.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed documents be considered in the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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